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SUBJECT: RICE SITUATION

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE RICE SUPPLY ACT DISTRIBUTION SITUATION
IN PHNOM PENH FOR THE ONE-WEEK PERIOD JANUARY 7 THROUGH JANUARY
13, 1974:

	JAN 7	JAN 8	JAN 9	JAN 10
BEGINNING STOCK	14,595.0	13,759.5	13,122.8	12,515.8
ROUTE 5	--	--	--	--
ROUTE 4	--	--	--	--
MEKONG	--	--	--	---
TOTAL AVAILABLE	14,595.0	13,759.5	13,122.8	12,515.8
LESS DISTRIBUTION	794.5	590.6	567.5	690.4

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BALANCE	13,800.5	13,168.9	12,555.3	11,825.4
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ADJUSTMENT	(-)41.0	(-)46.1	(-)39.5	(-)30.9
BALANCE	13,759.5	13,122.8	12,515.8	11,794.5

	JAN 11	JAN 12	JAN 13
BEGINNING STOCK	11,794.5	18,314.9	17,854.5
ROUTE 5	--	VAAA	--
ROUTE 4	--	331.7	--
MEKONG	7,558.3	--	--
TOTAL AVAILABLE	19,352.8	18,646.6	17,854.5
LESS DISTRIBUTION	630	637.3	--
BALANCE	18,722.8	18,009.3	17,854.5
ADJUSTMENT	(-)407.9	(-)154.8	--
BALANCE	18,314.9	17,854.5	17,854.5

2. STOCK POSITION: AS OF COB JANUARY 13 PHNOM PENH HAD A TOTAL AVAILABILITY OF 17,854 METRIC TONS. IN ADDITION TO THE PHNOM PENH STOCK, THERE WAS ON JANUARY 13 IN KOMPONG SOM A SURPLUS STOCK OF 15,462 M/T MADE UP OF KOREAN, JAPANESE, AND U.S. RICE SHIPMENTS.

3. ARRIVALS TO PHNOM PENH DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD CONSISTED OF ONE MEKONG RIVER CONVOY AND ONE ROUTE 4 CONVOY AS FOLLOWS:

A. THE REGULAR MEKONG CONVOY ARRIVED PHNOM PENH JANUARY 11 WITH 7,558.3 M/T OF RICE BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS:

VESSEL/BARGE	M/T	ORIGIN
LUZON 1960	1,722.8	U.S. (EX-PHILIPPINE BEAR)
BONANZA	1,606.4	"" ""
VENG AN	1,078.7	"" ""
SINCERE ORIENT	1,250.0	"" ""*(
TCS-66	1,517.4	"" ""
TCS-66	383.0	VN

B. THE RE-OPENING OF ROUTE 4 WAS SHORT-OIVED TO THE POINT THAT ONLY 63 CIVILIAN TRUCKS REACHED PHNOM PENH ON JANUARY 12. THE OTHER 180 TRUCKS THAT FORMED THE CONVOY ARE NOW STALLED BY THE ENEMY AT KAMPONG SALA APPROXIMATELY 110 KILOMETERS FROM THE CAPITAL. THE TRUCKS THAT DID ARRIVE PHNOM PENTN CARRIED A DISMAL 331.7 M/T OF RICE.

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4. DISTRIBUTION IN PHNOM PENH AND SURROUNDING AREAS. AS SUPPLIES OF RICE BECOME MORE ABUDANT, THE OPEN MARKET PRICE OF IMPORTED RICE HAS DECLINED FROM A HIGH OF 12 TO 13,000 RIELS PER 100 KILOS IN LATE NOVEMBER TO 8,000 TO 8,500 RIELS AT PRESENT.

THE NET EFFECT APPEARS TO HAVE REDUCED THE PRESSURE ON THE

GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM BECAUSE LOW-INCOME PEOPLE ARE AGAIN ABLE TO PURCHASE RICE IN THE OPEN MARKET ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS RATHER THAN IN 15-KILOS LOTS AT THE ILOTS UNDER THE OFFICIAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.

AGAINST THE OFFICIAL DAILY QUOTA OF 650 M/T, THE AVERAGE DAILY DISTRIBUTION RATE THROUGH GOVERNMENT CHANNELS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD WAS 558.6 M/T. THE DAILY AVERAGE FOR THE FIRST 13 DAYS OF THE MONTH DROPPED TO 608.2 M/T AS COMPARED TO 654.4 M/T FOR THE WHOLE MONTH OF DECEMBER.

IT IS TOO EARLY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THIS DOWNWARD TREND IN GOVERNMENT RICE DISTRIBUTION WILL STABILIZE AT THE CURRENT LEVEL OR CONTINUE TO DROP. BECAUSE THE REASON INVOKED EARLIER, THERE

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ARE REPORTS THAT SOME INSTITUTIONS AND/OR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE YET TO BUDGET THEIR RICE PURCHASES THIS MONTH. WE ARE MONITORING THE SITUATION AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE. MEANWHILE

WE BELIEVE IT PRUDENT TO CONTINUE PROJECTING DISTRIBUTION AT 650 M/T PER DAY. ON THIS BASIS, THE STOCK ON HAND JANUARY 13 CORRESPONDED TO 27.5 DAYS' SUPPLY. THE STOCK AVAILABLE IN KOMPONG SOM ON THE SAME DATE ADDED ANOTHER 24 DAYS' SUPPLY TO THE TOTAL IN-COUNTRY AVAILABILITY.

5. SCHEDULED SHIPMENTS FOR JANUARY 19.

ACCORDING TO USAID/SAIGON, THE FOLLOWING VESSELS/BARGES ARE BEING READIED TO JOIN THE NEXT REGULAR MEKONG CONVOY DUE PHNOM PENH JANUARY 19:

VESSEL/BARGE	M/T	ORIGIN
LUZON 1962	1,700	U.S. (EX-LESLIE LYKES)

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WING PENG	1,493	""	""
PORT SUN	1,383	""	""
BATTY C-2	203	U.S. (EX-PRESIDENT ADAMS)	
BATTY C-2	508	U.S. (EX-CHRISTOPHER LYKES)	
HF7104	410	U.S. (EX-CHRISTOPHER LYKES)	
HWA SUN	1,386	""	""

TOTAL 7,083 M/T

6. PROJECTED ARRIVALS.

BASE ON AID/W'S LATEST REVISED SCHEDULE FOR U.S. RICE TO BE TRANSSHIPPED SAIGON, WE PROJECT A TOTAL OF 27,244 M/T TO ARRIVE PHNOM PENH DURING THE WHOLE MONTH OF JANUARY, AND 46,367 M/T IN FEBRUARY. FOR THE MOMENT NO ARRIVALS ARE SCHEDULED FOR MARCH VIA THE MEKONG, AND ONLY 9,500 M/T ARE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL.

BY JANUARY 31, THERE WILL BE A SURPLUS STOCK IN KOMPONG SOM OF APPROXIMATELY 17,000 M/T IF ROUTE 4 CONTINUES TO BE INTER-DICTED BY THE ENEMY. IN FEBRUARY 21,600 M/T ARE SCHEDULED TO BE DISCHARGED AT KOMPONG SOM, AND NONE IN MARCH.

SINCE STORAGE FACILITIES AT KOMPONG SOM CAN ACCOMMODATE A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY 30,000 M/T OF RICE, WE ARE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE GKR AND USAID/SAIGON TO START MOVING SOME OF THE KOMPONG SOM RICE TO PHNOM PENH VIA SAIGON BY COASTERS/BARGES. ADDITIONALLY, IF MIGHT BECOME NECESSARY TO REQUEST THE LYKES LINE TO DIVERT TO SAIGON ONE OR MORE OF THE 4 VESSELS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE TO KOMPONG SOM IN FEBRUARY.

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